



INSPECTION SERVICES DIVISION

AI10-001

ADMINISTRATIVE INTERPRETATION

CODE REFERENCE: City of Rockville Code, Chapter V, Article XIV, Division I, Section 5-303 (a) (2).

BACKGROUND: It is unclear from the referenced code section how the gross square footage will be calculated when a project is comprised of multiple building permits.

Is it the intent of Section 5-303 to consider the cumulative gross square footage for all building permits applied for as part of a single project?

INTERPRETATION: Yes, the intent of Section 5-303 is to take the cumulative gross square footage for all building permits that are part of the scope of a project, and not the arbitrary divisions that are produced when a project is split into multiple permit sets, for the purposes of determining Article XIV applicability.

The design team for large projects, such as those that span across multiple floors or large floor areas, may find it advantageous for the purposes of project management or phasing to split the project up into multiple permit sets. Likewise, ISD may dictate for large projects that the project be split into multiple permit sets (usually by floor) in an effort to reduce the effect on construction schedules when an unforeseen issue temporarily halts progress on a permit. Where a project is comprised of several building permits, regardless if it is by the choice of the design team, or if it is required by ISD, the total gross square footage for all related permits for a project shall be used in determining the applicability of the requirements of Article XIV for the project.

DATE: September 01, 2010

APPROVED:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul H. Dillman", is written over a horizontal line.